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Rural Medical Training Centres.

* 173 *Q.*—SRI G. SATYANARAYANA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of Rural Medical Training Centres run by the Government in the State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"There are no rural medical training centres run by Government."

Gruel centres in South Arcot district.

* 174 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposals to declare the South Arcot district a famine area under the Famine Code; and

(*b*) how many gruel centres have been opened in the said district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(*a*) There is no proposal at present to declare the South Arcot district as a Famine area under the Famine Code.

"(*b*) Nine gruel centres are functioning in the district."

Opening of a Munsif's Court at Payyanoor.

* 175 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have sent any recommendation to the High Court to open a Munsif's Court at Payyanoor?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"The answer is in the negative."

Dearness allowance to the employees of the former Pudukkottai State Devasthanam Department.

* 176 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all the employees of the former Pudukkottai State Devasthanam Department have been given an increased rate of dearness allowance;

(*b*) if so, from what date and at what rate;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the grant has not been universal or uniform; and

(*d*) if so, why and the basis on which the grant was made?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU:—"(*a*) No. The Government are examining the question.

"(*b*) to (*d*) Does not arise."